

WHAT TO EXPECT from Taylorsville Arts Council this summer

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The Taylorsville Arts Council will make history this month with its first-ever youth theater production.

"Every member of the cast is 5 to 18 years old," Director Wendy Smedshammer said. "We had about 75 try out for the production, and we didn't 'cut' anyone. A few have dropped out, but the cast still has more than 50 members."

Tryouts for "Seussical the Musical Jr." were held in early March. Since then the cast has been practicing three nights a week in various locations.

For Smedshammer, who's been the arts council theatrical performance director for six years, the city's summer productions are a family affair.

"All three of my daughters are involved in the show this year, which is fun," she said. "My oldest, KarLee (17), plays a violin in the orchestra. RyLee (14) is a member of the cast. And my youngest, SaLee (11), will be keeping an eye on our family dog, who is also in the show."

By the way, yes you did read KarLee, RyLee and SaLee, but that's a whole different story.

"Many shows don't have a lot of opportunities for kids," Smedshammer added. "So I've been pushing for a long time to add a youth theater production. It lets younger actors spread their wings and take on meatier roles."

During a recent presentation to the Taylorsville City Council, Arts Council Chairman Howard Wilson said his group is excited about its recent partnership with Salt Lake Community College to make use of the school's outdoor Alder Amphitheater.

"Our partnership (with SLCC) has led to lighting and sound system improvements at the amphitheater," Wilson said. "In the past, we've had productions in junior highs and high schools. But this is a much better location."

Smedshammer added, "That's where everyone wants to be for a summer show—outdoors."

Wilson said the arts council relies heavily



More than 50 children will perform in "Seussical the Musical Jr." (Wendy Smedshammer)

on zoo, arts and parks (ZAP) funding from Salt Lake County to help keep it afloat.

"We receive about \$10,000 to \$13,000 each year (in ZAP funds)," Wilson said. "Between that, ticket sales and a few fundraisers, we're able to keep operating."

One of the few people making any money is Smedshammer. But she said "the small stipend I receive probably doesn't even cover my gas."

The Taylorsville Youth Theatre production of "Seussical the Musical Jr." will be performed June 9, 10 and 12. Just a month later, the regular Taylorsville Arts Council will perform "Anything Goes," July 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17.

"Anything goes is a classic Cole Porter musical comedy," Smedshammer said. "It has a love triangle similar to 'Titanic' but is funny."

While the cast for "Seussical" is made up of children, there are just a few juvenile roles in "Anything Goes." Four teens are working

in both shows, including Smedshammer's daughter Rylee (14), Sam Bates (15), Kori Tuttle (15) and Tynan Portillo (17).

"They're putting in a lot of time," Smedshammer added. "The youth show practices 90 minutes, three nights a week. 'Anything Goes' rehearsals are two-and-half-hours each night after those, with a fourth practice on Saturdays. So these four kids in particular are spending a lot of time getting ready."

Of course, everyone associated with the Taylorsville Arts Council is already eagerly counting down the days until the new Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center opens, directly southeast of the city offices (2600 West 5400 South).

But ground won't be broken on that \$39-million theater for at least a year, and it won't open until two years after that.

The new theater is expected to be 60,000

to 70,000 square feet and will feature two performing areas: a 500-seat main theater and a more intimate 250-seat "black box" theater.

In addition to its musicals, the Taylorsville Arts Council also coordinates an annual community art show. And they arrange nearly all of the stage acts during the annual Taylorsville Dayzz celebration, this year June 22–24.

Tickets for "Seussical the Musical, Jr." are \$6 each, and \$8 each for "Anything Goes." Family passes (for up to six people) are \$30 for each production.



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Jazz dancers embrace emotion of playoffs

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The biggest Utah Jazz fans may not be sitting in the stands.

The Jazz Dancers were disappointed the team was swept from the playoffs by the Golden State Warriors, but were excited to be a part of the team's first playoff appearance in five years.

"The playoffs have been super incredible. It is completely different than the regular season. The fans bring so much energy to the arena and the dancers are more pumped up. As they are getting ready in the tunnel they are rooting right along with the fans. It is madness, we feel the losses and want to celebrate the wins too," Jazz dance team coordinator Ro Malaga said.

The Utah Jazz Dance Team consists of 16 women. They are teachers, students and dance teachers or coaches, and consider themselves the team's biggest fans. Being a member of the team is a second job and opportunity for each of the women.

McKenna, a Herriman High drill team coach, finished her first season as a Jazz Dancer. She has been dancing since she was four and has turned a hobby into a career.

"I love being a member of this team. It is not just about dancing. It is about community and entertaining and mingling with kids and trying to be a role model," McKenna said. "Looking up at all the fans is unreal. I have loved this opportunity."

The dance team makes in-game appearances as well as off-site charity events. They do get paid although McKenna joked it is not as much as the players. The team is considered an important part of the entire Jazz experience.

"I have been fortunate to be involved with the Jazz family for some time now," Malaga said. "I was a judge for dancer tryouts and then produced a routine with The Bear. This year they had me come in as the dance coordinator. We revamped the entire system to a hip-hop based theme. The alumni and previous directors have set such a high standard it has been great for us."

The National Basketball Association has embraced the hip-hop genre. Its commercials and time-out music have transformed into high



The Utah Jazz dancers are an integral part of the community, team and fan base of the team. (Melissa Majchrzak/NBAE via Getty Images)

energy enthusiasm for the teams. The Jazz have also followed suit. The dancers try to support the community and give the fans as much energy during the game as they can.

Dancers from Spanish Fork, the Salt Lake Valley and farther north are all part of the team. Each team member practices twice a week and performs at every game. They have a catalog of routines with videos and music and choreography. The team captain, Alexia, schedules the performances beforehand but during each game routines can change depending on the game situation.

"Being a professional dancer is similar to being an athlete. They need to take care of their bodies and watch what they eat and stay in shape. At this level we have injuries like ankles and back problems. We are always monitoring them so they can stay healthy," Malaga said.

Kendal, a West Valley resident, just finished

her second season with the team. She began dancing in eighth grade and was a member of Hunter High School's drill team. She enjoyed her opportunity to perform in the NBA playoffs.

"The playoffs have been more intense. It has been amped up, as a dancer we try to bring as much energy as we can. We make lots of appearances and try to represent the team well. Every year we go to Primary Children's Hospital, and it is fun to see the kids light up when we see them," Kendal said.

The dance team is sponsored by American First Credit Union. The dancers are different than other NBA dance teams, according to Gina Calvert, corporate communications manager. The music and costumes they use reflect the community they represent and high morals maintained by the Utah Jazz, she said.

"We really keep our fan base in mind. I am so proud to be a part of this team," Malaga said. +

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'Hoo' appeared before the Taylorsville City Council? Two dozen 'Ollie Owls'

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One of the most gut-wrenching challenges a police officer or firefighter routinely faces is to calm a traumatized child. Kids who are near to—or involved in—home burglaries, car accidents or house fires are often so upset there's almost nothing a trained professional can do to console them.

But often, a stuffed animal can.

Avon Products Inc. is continuing a tradition this year of encouraging customers to purchase and donate "comfort" stuffed animals. Company officials say thousands of plush, stuffed animal toys are donated each year in Utah alone. The tradition has been around for decades. Each year it's a different type of animal, all with the same purpose.

This time around, Avon—a makeup, jewelry and fashion company that's been around since 1886—selected a stuffed owl, named "Ollie," for its comfort donations. Recently Unified Police and Unified Fire officials in Taylorsville accepted several of them from two different area Avon representatives.

"It's really amazing how quickly some children begin to calm down after receiving one of these stuffed animals" Unified Police Taylorsville Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant said. "Our officers carry them (in their patrol vehicles) for those times when nothing else is better for an upset child."

One Avon representative who works out of her Taylorsville home learned firsthand how important the stuffed animals can be at just the right time.

"I was involved in a three-car crash at an intersection three years ago while driving my daughter," Sara Fitzgerald said. "Neither of us was seriously injured, but Savanna (age 7 at the time) was so upset. When the responding police officer, a woman, gave her a stuffed animal, she immediately began to calm down."

Fitzgerald said there were a total of three children in the vehicles, and each received a comfort toy.

"I felt so touched by what she did for my daughter—I began to cry," Fitzgerald added. "She genuinely seemed to care about all the kids involved in the accident. It certainly helped Savanna begin to feel better more quickly."

A lifelong Taylorsville resident, Fitzgerald had already been an Avon representative four years when the accident occurred. She was aware of the stuffed animal program, but said she hadn't really given it much thought.

"I never really began to explain the program to my customers until I saw what an impact the toys can have," she said. "Now I know what a difference they can make, and I enjoy telling people about them."

Sara and Savanna Fitzgerald recently dropped 30 of the stuffed animals off at the Taylorsville Police offices. While she was there, Savanna toured the station, looked through a law enforcement vehicle and received a police tee shirt and "badge."

"(The officers and staff) were all so nice to her," Fitzgerald added. "It was nice for (Savanna) to get the chance to meet with them in a less stressful situation."

Not long after the Fitzgeralds presented their donation, another Avon representative—Pat Long, of Kearns—also donated 24 Ollie Owls to Taylorsville-based emergency responders.

"My customers look forward to making the stuffed animal donations every year," Long said. "I know other (Avon) sales reps have donated the toys to Primary Children's Hospital, women's shelters, the Christmas Box House and other places."



Officer Scott Gardiner and Chief Tracy Wyant thank Savanna Fitzgerald for her donation. (Sara Fitzgerald)

Avon representatives sell the plush toys for \$10. Company policy requires customers to purchase at least two of the stuffed animals, if they want to keep one for themselves.

Pat Long's Avon assistant—Ruth Jacobson, also of Taylorsville—delivered the stuffed animals at a recent city council meeting.

"We are very grateful for what Avon and many other groups do to provide the stuffed animals," Unified Fire Authority Battalion Chief Jay Ziolkowski said. "Fire is a scary thing for kids to be around. But we've found those who are upset often respond well to (the stuffed animals)."

Police Chief Wyant added, "We aren't soliciting any more donations. We have many organizations that help keep us well supplied with them."

Fitzgerald said, "After seeing the impact the stuffed animal had on my daughter, the (Taylorsville Police Precinct) can expect to continue receiving them from my customers as long as I'm working with Avon."



Two dozen "Ollie Owl" stuffed animals were recently donated to police and fire agencies serving Taylorsville. (Ruth Jacobson)

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Local gives group drum lesson using bus as classroom

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Nels Anderson traded a science lab workspace for a mobile music room when he started his own DrumBus business for the Northern Utah Region.

"I love, love biology, and I am still really interested in science, but academia wasn't my favorite," Anderson said while rushing around his multi-colored bus that's jammed full of West-African drums called djembes. "I didn't ever feel at home in those settings. I've always been into forts and huts since I was a kid, and this is like my hut."



Nels Anderson, wearing the green hat, teaches community members how to play djembe drums. Anderson brought his "mobile music room" DrumBus to the Kearns Library on April 24. (Tori La Rue/City Journals)

Business for the Salt

Lake City resident now consists of teaching school, community, rehabilitation center, corporate and assisted living groups how to tap on goblet-shaped hand drums. But his program is not just about teaching rhythms.

"I've learned to love drums, but I didn't get into this because of drums," Anderson said while prepping the bus for an event at the Kearns Library on April 24. "They are just the perfect tool to bring people together in a really unexpected way. I can't think of another medium where you don't have to have any experience, and you can participate in a group to do something you never thought you could do in minute."

Anderson's Kearns event was intended for teenagers, and these 13- to 17-year-old participants blurted out questions and comments as they entered the odd bus:

'Wow, that's a lot of drums."

"That's so weird."

"Those are drums? I am used to the rock band kind of drums."

As they sat down, Anderson explained his purpose in bringing the DrumBus to the library.

"I am just trying to coax out your natural rhythms," he said. "And yes, we are trying to make rhythm, and yes, I am going to try to teach a little technique, but most of it is just taking the group and taking what you give us and making an event out of it"

Jordan Jones and Carter Harris, both 13, weren't planning on attending the DrumBus activity on that spring afternoon, but they saw the bright red bus as they were taking a walk from their nearby school.

"We liked the sound and got curious about what was going on," Jordan said.

The two clamored into the bus to find Anderson demonstrating different sounds on a drum. Hitting the drum on the outer rim made a lighter sound than hitting directly in the middle.

Jordan and Carter selected seats and within seconds were copying Anderson's rhythms with the

other teens who had already boarded the bus. Only some of the nine drummers had met prior to the event, but their sound was uniform.

To add difficulty to drumming, Anderson started a game where drummers created their own rhythms. The group played a unified beat led by Anderson until he asked one drummer a question. At that point, the participants stopped as the selected drummer answered the question with his or her voice and his or her drum simultaneously. Then the rest of the group repeated that new rhythm.

When Anderson asked Carter the longest word he knew, Harris said "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious," as he alternated hitting the drum with his right and left hand from syllable to syllable. The rest of the group copied.

Carter and Jordan had to leave the activity early but said they were grateful for the impromptu crash course on drumming.

"I ended up learning that I really like the sound and was happy with just learning the basics," Jordan said

Although the Kearns DrumBus session was geared toward teenagers, all participants were welcome. Luis Vazquez and his 5-year-old son joined in the lesson after hearing the beat from the parking lot.

"We're usually at the library a lot, but this was a new experience for us," Vazquez said. "My son got to learn this new skill that he wouldn't otherwise have."

Jenn McKague, the Kearns youth services librarian, said she selected the program because frequent library attenders, especially teens, had asked for more music programs.

"There's not so much music in the area, so we thought this could help," she said.

By the conclusion of the two-hour jam session, Anderson had instructed more than 12 people. The transient crowd had come and gone as they pleased. And then, just as easily as he set up, Anderson drove his portable classroom away and onto the next event.

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Three valley school districts increase teacher pay, benefits

By Mandy Ditto | m.ditto@mycityjournals.com

Three school districts—Granite, Canyons and Jordan—have increased teachers' pay for the upcoming school year, in an effort to retain and hire enough teachers for growing classrooms in the valley.

Granite School District

Even if every graduate with a teaching degree from Utah colleges and universities chose to stay and teach in Utah, there still wouldn't be enough to fill classrooms across the state, said Ben Horsley, communications director for Granite School District.

"The reality is that we've been in a teacher shortage crisis for quite some time. Granite District has been fortunate that we've been able to almost 100 percent staff the last two years," Horsley said. "Our board feels strongly that every kid deserves a great, instructional leader, a full-time teacher that is there and committed to that class for the full year."

However, as the district looked into hiring for the coming year, they found they had about half the applications they would typically receive, and would be short around 100 needed hires to fill positions across the district, he said. The board looked at their



Those attending the Association Representative meeting for Granite School District in April wave the newly presented salary schedule that had to later be approved by the district board. (Granite Education Association/Cindy Formeller).

options, and seeing that Jordan and Canyons districts were looking to raise their pay as well, decided to make changes.

The increases include the starting salary going up to \$41,000 annually, which includes a 3 percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) across the board for all teachers and administrators. The board also added an 8.67 percent market adjustment to salary schedule across the board, making

it the 11.67 percent increase for all in the district, Horsley said.

He said the district does anticipate some sort of tax increase through the local levy to offset the costs. The board is looking at any other cuts they can make to pursue other funds, and will use the 4 percent increase in the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) from the legislature to help with increase, as well as increase in levy.

The legislature funds education through the WPU, which is money from the general PACs fund from the state, and that money is given to state districts to pay teachers, fund programs and other needs. Whatever increase the WPU goes up to each year—currently 4 percent—is what teachers can typically expect to negotiate as a raise amount each year.

As for the increase in the local levy, "it would be anywhere from \$75 to \$100 on a \$250,000 home within Granite School District (boundaries)," Horsley said.

It isn't just about increasing pay because it's fair, said Susen Zobel, Granite Education Association president and a seventh-grade history teacher at Bonneville Junior High. It's about keeping teachers in the districts they work in, while continuing to hire.

"What Granite did was honor the existing salary schedule and send it all the way across, so every single teacher will see an increase," Zobel said. "This is a good start, we've got a really great salary schedule, if you look at the schedule and starting and where you could retire, it is more comparable to other professional salary schedules. I would hope they keep





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this momentum up."

Other states pay at higher rates, even with increases in these districts, meaning that districts in Utah need to be competitive, Zobel said.

"If we are going to get teachers to come, we need to be competitive and Granite has made a great start. Our school board has done an amazing job to make this happen for us this year, but it's not over," Zobel said. "I think that this shows what a good working relationship between a teacher's association and a school district can do to benefit teachers, that regardless this was a collaborative effort between the association and the school district and without that strength of membership in the association, it would not have happened."

Since the presentation and then official approval of the pay increase this spring, the loss of contracted teachers has slowed significantly, and many who opted out of contracts have come back to the district, Horsley said.

Canyons School District

Pay increases were approved for Canyons School District on April 25, with increases for beginning teacher's salaries going to \$40,500, said Jeff Haney, director of communications for Canyons School District. Every licensed educator in the district will receive at least a 4 percent increase, though the average increase is at 6.5 percent for teachers across the board, according to their teaching experience and education.

"The Board of Education believes, and always has believed, it's important to invest in the district's people. The reason for that is that we believe the students will benefit, we want our classrooms to be led by the best and the brightest educators that we can attract and retain, especially in this era of a national teacher shortage," Haney said.

Along with these pay increases to create a competitive pay schedule, the Canyons District has been working to make sure that other benefits are clear to potential educators since the district creation in 2009, he said. Since voters approved a \$250 million bond to renovate and build new schools, the district has almost completed all 13 projects identified in 2010. A new middle school and elementary school will open this upcoming fall, Haney said. Achievement coaches and technology specialists are also at every school in the district to improve the teaching experience, he said.

As for how the increases will be paid for by the district, taxes aren't expected to go up as an increase in the local levy.

"The law governing countywide equalization sunsets at the end of 2017. Under the parameters of this law, and because of increasing assessed valuations, Canyons District expects the certified tax

rate to remain virtually unchanged in order to collect the funds necessary to operate the district at the same level of service while also providing a salary increase for teachers," Haney said.

Potential teachers from the valley and elsewhere were instantly interested in applying for Canyons District positions when they heard about the increases in the starting salary, he said.

"The students will benefit from this. The vision of the Canyons School District is to make sure that every student graduates college and career ready, and the way to do that is to have amazing teachers in every classroom, in every grade level," he said. "This new salary schedule will help us attract the best and the brightest to our classrooms."

Jordan School District

Jordan School District is no different from others in Utah looking to constantly fill teacher positions, and with their newly approved salary schedule they are hoping to continue to attract quality employees.

Negotiations for a new salary schedule in the district began with a committee of five teachers from the Jordan Education Association, two administrators and three board members that met every other week through February. The new salary schedule has been officially approved by the Jordan Education Association and the district board, said Janice Voorhies, president of the Jordan School District Board of Education.

The beginning salary has been raised to \$40,000 a year, and every teacher on the scale has been moved up through the schedule from that, Voorhies said, effective for the upcoming fall. "We are working on a phase two for our experienced teachers with the Jordan Education Association, and our goal is to increase compensation for them through a menu of things they may already be doing or would like to opt into, like mentoring or teacher leadership or curriculum development," she said, "and we'll pay them more for that."

Another change the board approved was to take away a cap in the salary schedule, so that experienced teachers can now continue to get increased compensation after 15 years of teaching. The district will also be paying for increases in benefits costs for teachers in the coming school year.

To pay for the increases, the district has adjusted their budget and are "applying a portion of our unassigned resources to increasing teacher pay for the next several years," Voorhies said. "Additionally, we appreciate the legislature's generous WPU allotment this past session and we intend to use those taxpayer dollars very carefully in order to continue to support reasonable compensation for all employees." +

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A chance to dance

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A llie Westenskow loves dancing—she dances all the time, said her mother Kim Westenskow. But there are few opportunities for kids with special needs to perform for an audience. Allie and 23 other special needs students from Hartvigsen School were thrilled with the chance to perform a dance with 24 girls from Taylorsville High School's drill team, the Chirons.

The Chirons and the Angel Chirons, as the girls from Hartvigsen were named, danced to "Under the Sea" during an assemblies at THS and Hartvigsen School.

The Chirons were excited to share their love of performing with the Angels.

"I know performing makes me feel amazing, so I'm glad they got to experience it," said THS senior Shaylee Bundy. She loved the opportunity to team up with the Angels.

"I hope they got half as much as I got out of it," she said.

Hartvigsen's speech pathologist Pam Rex Staggs said the collaboration was an opportunity for all the girls to interact in a way they hadn't ever been able to before.

"This gives the THS girls a whole new perspective of special needs and what they're capable of," Rex Staggs said.

She said the partnership aided the Angels with social language development, providing them an opportunity to communicate and interact with their peers.

Rex Staggs knew her students would love an opportunity to dance. Because her daughter-in-law, Alisha Staggs, is head coach of the drill team at THS—right next door to Hartvigsen—she knew they could make it happen. Staggs, who was focusing on an antibullying campaign for her upcoming Mrs. Utah pageant, saw the partnership as a great way for her team to get out of their comfort zones to make new friends.

Every other Monday all year long, the Chirons headed next door to Hartvigsen's campus to work in pairs with the Angels, who range in age from 15 to 22.

The Chirons had participated in an exercise to experience what it felt like to have physical and verbal handicaps, but it didn't prepare them for how much they would come to love their partners.

"It's sweet to see the girls, how they treat them with love and concern and are so cheerful," Rex Staggs said. "There is so much positive energy in that room."

Taimane Lewis, a sophomore, connected with 15-year-old Isabelle Dal Canto over their common love of SpongeBob SquarePants.

Camryn Olson, a Chiron, was surprised how easy communication became.

"It's incredible how they communicate differently, but it's all about hugs and physical connections, talking and touching," she said. Shaylee Bundy figured out that the Angels responded well to a thumbs-up and positive encouragement.

Jessica Hammond, a senior Chiron, was paired with Kaitlyn Roberts.

"She likes when I shake my hair," Hammond said. "We connected because I figured that out." Hammond found that if she used big movements, Roberts would laugh and be more engaged.

Parting at the end of classes became more difficult as the girls became friends.

"It was wonderful just to watch the bond between the girls," Staggs said. "Tears flow when it's time to leave."

Staggs said the project has been a humbling experience for her drill team.

"We've not had as much drama this year. It is a reminder of what's more important in life," she said.

Hammond said girls got out of the experience what they put into it.

"It meant the world to me," she said. "It was my favorite part of this whole year." The experience helped her be more aware of people with special needs.

"I know now there can be a real connection there," Hammond said. "Even if I can't talk with her, I can have a really deep and true friendship—(Kaitlyn's) my friend."

Kim Westenskow said her daughter was excited to finally perform for an audience.

"She said she was going to dance with her girl friends and be like the Disney Channel," Westenskow said. "She feels like any other girl out there."



Arianna Pacheco and Savannah Ames have a blast dancing to "Under the Sea." (Kim Westenskow/ Hartvigsen School)



Gabby Eggli and Dorothea Bausa perform together. T-shirts were donated by Chad Donoghue of Shirts and Things. (Granite School District)



Taylorsville senior Jessica Hammond said making friends with Kaitlyn Roberts was her favorite part of the whole school year. (Granite School District)



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Emergency 911
Unified Police Department Dispatch (Non-Emergencies)
Fire Department 801-743-7200
Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222

| Poison Control Center | 1-800-222-1222 |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Animal Control Shelter | 801 -965 -5800 |
| Animal Control After Hours Dispatch | 801 -840 -4000 |
| Building Inspection | 801 -955 -2030 |
| Chamber West (Chamber of Commerce) | 801 -977 -8755 |
| Gang Tip Line | 385 -468 - 9768 |
| Garbage/Recycle/GreenWaste Pick-up | 385 -468 -6325 |
| (Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling) | |
| Granite School District | 385 -646 -5000 |
| Health Department | 385 -468 -4100 |
| Highway Conditions (from cell phone) | 511 |
| Park Reservations | 385 -468 -7275 |
| Public Works (Salt Lake County) | 385 -468 -6101 |
| Questar | 801 -324 -5000 |
| Rocky Mountain Power | 888 -221 -7070 |
| Salt Lake County Recycling/Landfill | 801 -974 -6920 |
| Taylorsville - Bennion Imp. District | 801 -968 -9081 |
| Taylorsville Food Pantry | 801 -815 -0003 |
| Taylorsville Senior Center | 801 -293 -8340 |
| Taylorsville Neighborhood Compliance | 801 -955 -2013 |
| Taylorsville Justice Court | 801 -963 -0268 |
| Taylorsville Library | 801 -943 -4636 |
| Taylorsville Recreation Center | 385 -468 -1732 |
| Swimming Pool (Memorial Day to Labor Day) | 801 -967 -5006 |
| Taylorsville -Bennion Heritage Center | 801 -281 -0631 |
| UDOT Region 2 | 801 -975 -4900 |
| Utah Transit Authority (UTA) | 801 -743 -3882 |

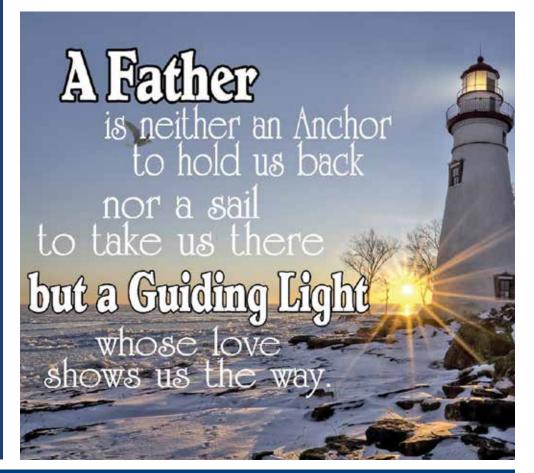
MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Father's Day is June 19th. What a great day to pay tribute and recognize father's both young and old and let's not forget about grandfathers. Dads are special; I was not as fortunate to have my dad around most of my life, but I was blessed to have great grandparents to raise me and teach me right from wrong, the importance of work, and to value and respect others, especially my mom. Let's not forget to give our Dad's, Grandpa's, and others that mentored and took the place of our fathers how much we appreciate and love them. I encourage all of us to be grateful for those in our lives.

—Mayor Johnson



Mayor Larry Johnson



MAYOR'S CHOICE

RESTAURANT

Cubby's

1764 West 5400 South • Taylorsville, Utah 84129 Phone: 385-237-3872 • www.cubbys.co/menu

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Monday – Thursday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM Friday & Saturday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM • Closed Sundays



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YOUTH COUNCIL CORNER

ANTHONY HAYNES

Anthony is graduating from the Academy for Math, Engineering, and Science, or AMES which is located at Cottonwood High School. He has lived in Taylorsville most of his life and most of my best memories include spending time with friends here, whether its been on the football field on Saturday mornings and Friday nights, or at Taylorsville High as a cadet for JROTC.



Throughout high school, Anthony has followed several different passions. He has been an American Red Cross volunteer since his sophomore year and in that time has served in almost more positions than he can count, chiefly acting as: Services to Armed Forces Co-Chair, Co-President for the Salt Lake Youth Services program, Youth Liaison for the Salt Lake Board of Directors which he currently holds - and then most proudly as Student Staff for the Leadership Development Camp. For the past two years, Anthony has dedicated himself to the JROTC program and due to being both the best cadet and commander he could be, he has achieved the rank of cadet Captain where he has been able to teach and lead a class of twenty cadets to be the most prepared leaders they can be for the future of the program.

In terms of school, Anthony has strived to pursue science and service with his academics, having served as a Student Council Representative at AMES for two years and being selected as a Science Sterling Scholar to semi-finals.

Following graduation, Anthony's plans include pursuing training in emergency medicine as a paramedic this year and then returning to school in 2018. His hopes for college are to attend one of the three service academies, mainly the Air Force Academy, Stanford, MIT, or Berkeley. He would like to study both genomics and nuclear engineering, possibly pursuing a Ph.D in either field later in life.

After graduating College, Anthony would like to serve in the military as combat rescue or field medicine and surgery for a full twenty-year career and then return to medical school to start a new career as a civilian trauma surgeon. At the end of all of this when Anthony feels he is too old to practice medicine, he would like to become a teacher and hopefully share some of what he has learned throughout his life.

ARIANNA JONES

Arianna Jones is a senior at Taylorsville High School. Ari was a part of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) where she placed 9th in the state this year. She ran varsity cross country and served as Team Captain. She has received her varsity cross country, choir/music, and academic letters.

Ari enjoys taking pictures as a member of the Yearbook Staff, for

the school newspaper. She also loves taking portraits of other people. She has been awarded 3 CTE proficiency awards which are Photography, Digital Media, and Marketing.

Ari has loved singing in the school choirs and has even been



Senior Spotlights

a member of band playing the flute and piano. on top of all her activities and hobbies, Ari has also worked as a marketing intern for Chick Fil A for over a year

For service, Ari has been a member of National Honor and National Junior Honor Society for 5 years. She was a Girl's Camp Youth Leader for over 24 twelve year olds and was a mentor to them. She has enjoyed the opportunity of being a part of Taylorsville City's Youth Council and serving her local community.

Ari has been student of the month twice and even student of the year! She will be graduating with four area of distinctions which include English, math, citizenship/service, and academics. She is a Top 50 senior with a graduating class of about 500. She has received the Keys to Success Utah scholarship of \$1,000 and the Burger King Scholarship of \$1,000. Ari will be studying web design and development as she attends Utah Valley University in the fall on an academic scholarship also!

COLE ARNOLD

Cole has been on the Taylorsville youth council for 4 years. During that time, he has served as Youth Council chair and mayor. Cole is currently a youth ambassador.

Some of Cole's accomplishments his senior year at Taylorsville High School include lettering in swim and receiving an "area of distinction" award for citizenship in the community. He has also re-



ceived an award for being one of the "top 50 seniors." Cole will be leaving in June to serve a mission for the LDS church in Canada. Once he returns, Cole will be attending Snow College where he has been offered a scholarship.

ETHAN FORD

Ethan loves the outdoors, science and sports. Throughout his life, he has always had some sort of pet, whether it be a bird, a hamster, cat, fish, dog or even chickens.

Ethan has lived in Taylorsville for 10 years and says it has been a great experience. One of his favorite things about living in Utah is the mountains because there are so many things you can do like hiking during the summer and the amazing resorts



and slopes for snowboarding during the winter.

Ethan will be graduating from Taylorsville High School. He says it has been a truly unforgettable experience. He has been on the school tennis team for throughout his high school years.

His accomplishments consist of getting his Eagle Scout Award, being on the honor roll, and regular community service with his ward and scout troop.

After high school, Ethan is planning to go on an LDS mission and then attend Salt Lake Community College to get his associates degree. After that, he hopes to transfer to the University of Utah or Utah State to study engineering and similar sciences. Ethen loves math and loves to take things apart and fix them again so he thinks a career in this field with be a blast.

SHELBY HANDY

Shelby Handy has been a Youth Council member for two years. This vear she is one of Taylorsville City's Youth Ambassadors. She has also served as Youth Council Chair and participated in an internship program with the City during her senior year.

Shelby has attended Taylorsville High School, where she has taken rigorous courses and has maintained an outstanding 3.7 GPA. She

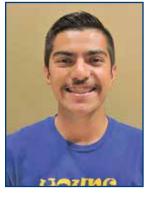


has received many awards and recognitions throughout her high school years some of which include two areas of distinction and the diploma of merit.

For her future. Shelby has chosen to attend Salt Lake Community College in the fall of 2017, where she will major in Political Science.

YEARIM DE LEON

Yearim currently serves as the Senior Class President and has served as Sophomore Class President and Junior Class Vice President. He has been part of Latinos in Action for two years and this year serves as their Vice President. He has been part of the National Honor Society at Taylorsville and currently serves as Vice President after serving as Secretary last year.



He has absolutely loved getting involved with the Youth Council and Taylorsville City for the past two years. He is serving as the Youth Council Recorder and is also a Youth Ambassador.

For the past three years, Yearim has been actively involved with Communities United--the largest Latino serving nonprofit in Utah--as the Community Engagement Intern, Immigration Clinic Intern, and a dedicated volunteer.

Yearim has also been academically driven which has enabled him to become the Salutatorian for his graduating class. He has also been named the 2017 Social Science Sterling Scholar for the state of Utah--the first time someone from Taylorsville High has won in almost 15 years. He has also been given the SOMOS, Comcast Leaders and Achievers, and Latinos in Action Scholarships. For his dedication in working with civic issues and community engagement, he was named the Youth Activist by the ACLU of Utah and given the ACLU Scholarship.

Yearim has been accepted to Yale, Stanford and Princeton and has decided to attend Stanford University to get his bachelor's degree in either Political Science or International Relations. Yearim is truly grateful and humbled by all the support he's received from everyone that surrounds him and he's excited to represent Taylorsville in everything he does.



COUNCIL CORNER

One of the major responsibilities of the City Council is to pass a budget. In the City of Taylorsville (similar to our Federal Government), the Mayor proposes a budget, but the City Council is ultimately responsible for approving the budget. As a City Council, we review the Mayor's proposed budget; make changes, and set spending priorities for the City for the coming fiscal year. Some of the highlights for 2017-2018 are: city beautification and park improvements; increased road and sidewalk maintenance, setting aside funds for the new Salt Lake County Performing Arts Center at City Center, continued focus on public safety and crime reduction. The Council is very concerned about how taxpayer dollars are being spent, as we prudently allocate them knowing they come from our residents. The Council is always interested in the input from the wonderful residents of our City, whom we serve, if you have ideas, concerns, or questions, please contact your City Council representative.



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Summer provides a great time to participate in a variety of outdoor activities. Unwelcome mosquitoes, however, can make many outdoor activities less enjoyable. Familiarity with basic mosquito biology and some simple precautions can help reduce the negative impacts of mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes complete the early stages of their life cycle in stagnant water in places ranging from ponds, marshy areas, and irrigated pasture-lands, to gutters, cavities in trees, and bird baths. During the summer, nearly any water left standing for at least one week can provide suitable conditions for larval mosquitoes to develop into adults.

Adult female mosquitoes take blood meals from vertebrate hosts to obtain protein required for egg production. In addition to causing an irritating allergic reaction, mosquito bites can facilitate disease transmission. West Nile virus is an example of a disease transmitted by mosquitoes in the Salt Lake Valley.

The South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District (SSLVMAD) seeks to promote public health and quality of life by reducing the number of larval mosquitoes that develop to the adult stage. District technicians regularly inspect known larval mosquito habitat in the Salt Lake Valley and apply mosquito control measures as needed. Treatments targeting adult mosquitoes are also applied when appropriate

Tips to Keep Mosquitoes Away This Summer

You can help control the population of mosquitoes by: • Eliminating unnecessary standing water from your property.

- · Emptying and refreshing desirable standing water at least weekly
- Treating livestock watering troughs and ornamental ponds with mosquito control products or fish (this service is available free of charge from the SSLVMAD).
- · Reporting other standing water to the SSLVMAD. Additionally, the following suggestions can help you avoid being bitten by mosquitoes:
- Use mosquito repellents approved by the Environmental Protection Agency according to instructions on the product label.
- · Wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing that covers as much skin as possible when outdoors
- · Avoid outdoor activities during times of peak mosquito activity (between dusk and dawn for several species of mosquitoes including disease vectors known to occur in

The South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District would like to wish everyone a safe and pleasant summer. For additional information about mosquitoes and mosquito control or to submit a request for service please visit

2017 Taylorsville Municipal Election

The City of Taylorsville will hold a Municipal Election on November 7, 2017, to elect a Mayor and two City $Council\ Members\ (one\ from\ Council\ District\ 4\ and\ one\ from\ Council\ District\ 5)\ to\ serve\ four-year\ terms.\ If$ necessary, a Municipal Primary Election will also be held on August 15, 2017.

The filing period will run from Thursday, June 1, 2017, through Wednesday, June 7, 2017, during regular City Hall hours (Weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Candidates must file a "Declaration of Candidacy" form in person with the Taylorsville City Recorder, at Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Taylorsville, Utah, during the filing period. Declaration of Candidacy forms will be available in the Recorder's Office or on the City website at www.taylorsvilleut.gov.

A candidate must have been a resident of the City of Taylorsville for at least 12 consecutive months (365 days) immediately prior to the date of the General Election. A candidate must also be a registered voter. A candidate running for a Council District Seat must be a resident of that district. A filing fee of \$100.00 must be paid at the time of filing the Declaration of Candidacy.

The filing fee will be reduced to \$50 for candidates who submit a nomination petition containing 25 signatures of residents of the city who are at least 18 years old. The nomination form is available on the City

The Taylorsville City Council voted unanimously to contract with Salt Lake County for election services and will conduct the municipal election through the vote by mail option. This means that all registered voters in Taylorsville will be mailed a ballot for the City election this year.

Completed ballots may be returned by mail in the postage-paid envelope provided. Those who prefer to vote in person on machines may still do so during the Early Voting period held two weeks prior to the election (10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Taylorsville City Hall), or on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at one of the many Vote Centers located throughout Salt Lake County (locations to be announced at a later date).

For additional information, please visit the City's website at www.taylorsvilleut.gov or contact City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle at 801-963-5400.





The following UPD Taylorsville Precinct Awards were presented by Chief Tracy Wyant at the City Council Meeting held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017.



(L-R) Detective Van Leeuwen, Detective Louie Muniz, Detective VanRoosendaal, Officer Watrous

PRECINCT CHIEF AWARD - MAY 2017 Detective Louie Muniz

Detective Louie Muniz was assigned to the Taylorsville Precinct Investigations Unit from October 2, 2012, to April 5, 2017. As a veteran police officer, Detective Muniz applied his vast amount of knowledge, expertise, and wisdom to his assigned cases. While many other detectives handled their assigned cases in a very efficient and concise manner, Detective Muniz also emphasized patience and diligence. He effectively filed criminal cases against suspects, recovered significant amounts of stolen property, and comforted victims of criminal acts. While assigned to the Unit, Detective Muniz received numerous compliments from other officers, detectives, and victims regarding his work ethic and positive attitude.

Detective Muniz would actively investigate cases that most detectives would consider to be unworkable. Because of his persistence and tenacity, many of these cases were either solved, or the property was located and returned to the owners. One example of such diligence began in December, 2016when an adult male and female broke into the pastor's car at a local church. Detective Muniz was able to track the suspects to a hotel in Draper where he apprehended two adult males. One of the males was a wanted felon, and the other male was the male who had committed the vehicle burglary. However, the female was not located. As he developed this case further, Detective Muniz learned that the male and female were prolific criminals that had committed numerous crimes throughout the valley. He alerted patrol officers and other law enforcement agencies about the two. After the alert, patrol officers encountered the couple at a residence in Taylorsville. Officers located a significant amount of property that had been stolen during residential burglaries, vehicle burglaries, and thefts. The property was seized and sorted. A press release was made to the media which garnered the attention of numerous crime victims. Victims began calling the Taylorsville Precinct hoping to get their stolen property back. At his request, Detective Muniz fielded all of the incoming calls and was eventually able to return a significant amount of property to the victims. Despite being tedious and time-consuming work, Detective Muniz remained upbeat and helpful. Detective Muniz should be commended for his tenacity, work ethic, and expertise!

PRECINCT CHIEF AWARD - MAY 2017 Detective Grayson Van Leeuwen

While conducting a proactive patrol in Taylorsville, Officer Grayson Vanleeuwen witnessed a male checking door handles and looking into vehicles. When Grayson attempted contact with the suspect, the suspect saw him and hurried back to his vehicle. Grayson parked his patrol car behind the suspects vehicle preventing him from leaving. As Grayson gave commands to the suspect to exit the suspect put the vehicle into drive. Grayson approached the vehicle and commanded the suspect to exit. The suspect to exit the suspect but be vehicle into drive. Grayson approached the vehicle and commanded the suspect to exit. The suspect put the vehicle into park but continued to be verbally aggressive toward Officer Vanleeuwen. The suspect was not responding to commands and began concealing his hands reaching for items in the vehicle. Concerned for his safety, Grayson physically removed the suspect from the vehicle. The suspect began to reach for something in his waistband. Grayson struggled with the suspect as the suspect continued to reach his waistband. Grayson was able to get the suspect into custody by using arrest control techniques. Grayson searched the suspect's waistband, where he was reaching, and found a loaded Glock handgun. The suspect was interviewed and stated he was trying to get Grayson to shoot him. The suspect knew he was going back to prison and wanted suicide by cop. The suspect had numerous felonies including Attempted Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer. The suspect was ultimately indicted by a Grand Jury and is now in Federal Custody. Officer Vanleeuwen was thrust into a potentially deadly encounter while conducting routine proactive patrol. Grayson's conduct shows a great amount of restraint in a very dangerous situation. This is a great example of a suspect provoking an officer to shoot them, and instead, the officer (while keeping themselves safe) makes good split second decisions which resulted in the arrest and prosecution of a dangerous felon and preventing loss of life.

OFFICER OF THE MONTH - MARCH 2017 Detective Gene VanRoosendaal

On March 22, 2017, Detective Gene VanRoosendaal responded to 4200 S Redwood Rd on a traffic accident investigation. A van occupied by six adults and two children had been rear-ended by an SUV. There were some minor injuries but nothing substantial. Gene learned the occupants of the van were homeless and subsequently living out of their van. The two children in the van appeared shaken up from the accident. Gene walked over to the McDonalds, purchased two happy meals with his own money and gave them to the children. Gene showed the compassionate side of law enforcement this manifested every day but isn't always marketed. I feel safe in saying that these kids will never forget the kindness Gene showed them. Officer VanRoosendaal is an outstanding example of what being a public servant is truly about. The City of Taylorsville is fortunate to have such an involved, competent and dedicated member serving its residents.

OFFICER OF THE MONTH - APRIL 2017 Officer Darin Watrous

On April 22, 2017, Officer Watrous was dealing with a very convoluted case which involved drugs and children being removed from their home. The children were moved to a safe location, and a safety plan was put into place. The mother began sending her kids messages on Facebook saying goodbye. Officer Watrous along with a DCFS worker responded to the home and spoke with the victim. The victim adamantly denied being suicidal and stated she was just telling her kids goodbye because she thought she wasn't going to see them again. The victim was very convincing and promised Officer Watrous she would not harm herself. Officer Watrous took the victim aside, sat down and spoke with her for over 45 minutes. During the conversation, she admitted to Officer Watrous she had taken over 40 benzodiazepine pills just before he arrived. She admitted to Officer Watrous she wanted to die. The victim also gave Officer Watrous a suicide note she had written and his on her person. Had Officer Watrous not taken the extra time to talk to the victim, she would likely have been found deceased the next day. She was taken to the hospital to receive medical and psychiatric treatment. The DCFS worker told Sgt. Rob Scott that "Officer Watrous was an amazing officer." The DCFS worker stated that not all officers she has dealt with take the time and have the patience like Officer Watrous. The DCFD worker also stated that when she was initially called by Officer Watrous, he had all the information for her and explained the situation in great detail. Officer Watrous should be commended for his dedication to treating every citizen with compassion, empathy, and respect.

VEHICLE THEFT & BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

FACT: A car is stolen approximately every 25 seconds somewhere in the U.S.

FACT: Most of these thefts are preventable!

Some criminals can take your car in less than 30 seconds. You can use an anti-theft device to include hidden secondary ignition switches or steering wheel locks. Most of those devices cost less than the insurance deductible paid out if their car is stolen and there are discounts offered for using them.

- Park in well-lighted areas.
- REPORT ANY SUSPICOUS ACTIVITIES TO UPD!
- Close all windows, lock all doors, and take the vehicle keys with you. 25% of stolen vehicles had the keys in the most. Most with the engine running!
- Do not leave anything of value in plain view. IF IT CAN BE SEEN IT CAN BE STOLEN!
- · Never hide a second set of keys anywhere on or near your car.
- · Never leave your car running. Even if you'll only be gone for a minute.
- · Don't think driving an older car is less appealing to thieves

BURGLARY PREVENTION

Stop Home & Business Burglaries - Don't Tempt a Thief!



- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short period of time, lock
- REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES TO Unified Police Department @ (801) 743-7000
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps with automatic timers to turn on in the evening and off during the day. Also you can notify the Unified Police Department / Taylorsville Precinct to request a property check while you are away. (385-468-9435)
- Keep your garage door closed and locked at all times!
- Do not leave lawn mowers or other easily stolen yard items in
- Push button locks on doorknobs to exterior doors are easy for burglars to open. Replace them with deadbolt locks.
- Secure vacant rental or foreclosure properties from air conditioning and copper thefts by using a padlock and chain security device or by caging in the unit so thieves cannot reac the valuable metal.
- Do not allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers, or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the United States Postal Service to hold your mail or arrange for a friend or neighbor to pick them up regularly. (https://holdmail.usps.com)
- Arrange for your lawn to be moved or your snow to be removed by a trusted individual while you are gone for an extended period of time.
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them if
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security. Check with your local home improvement store for



#TvilleDayzz2017 PHOTO CONTEST

June 22, 23, & 24



1. FOLLOW US @taylorsvillecity

- 2. **POST A PHOTO** capturing the fun of Taylorsville Dayzz
- 3. SHARE your pic using the hashtag #TvilleDayzz2017PhotoContest

4. **VOTE** and "like" your favorite entry by searching **#TvilleDayzz2017PhotoContest**

5. **WIN** – 4 photos with the highest number of "likes" on Monday, June 26th at 9AM will win a \$50 gift card to a Taylorsville restaurant!



TAYLORS VILLE DAY ZZ LES SCHWAB AUTO SHOW • 11am-3pm • SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017 VALLEY REGIONAL PARK • 5100 S. 2700 W. • TAYLORSVILLE, UTAH Sam: Parade • Noon: 60 Foot Smoke Show (Burnout Contest) • 10pm: Fireworks Raffle for Prizes • Food • Drinks • lots of Grass (Bring Own Shade) Present true has the short will bear the short will be should first an insure of the 1 Free the should be show the short will be should be show (Burnout Contest) • 10pm: Fireworks Raffle for Prizes • Food • Drinks • lots of Grass (Bring Own Shade) Present true has the short will be show the should be shown to be should be shown to be shown

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Celebrating 60 years of service to the Taylorsville-Bennion area. We are proud to make available to you the annual Consumer Confidence Report with important information regarding the quality of your drinking water. Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District distributes culinary water that meets all federal and state quality requirements. Information includes conservation resources, potential contamination sources, and a brief history of the District. The Report can be found on the District Web site: www.tbid.org/CCR.html or you may contact us at 801-968-9081 to have a copy mailed to your home.

If you have any questions regarding this article or any other questions about water quality please contact Dan McDougal, Communications Manager, at 801-968-9081. Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District.



TAYLORSVILLE DAYZZ 5k & KIDS RACE

Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 7AM & 7:45AM



We Volunteers, if interested contact Kirstin Johnson at 801.706.3172

Register on-line by June 13, 2017 to get your race T-shirt included in cost of registration, \$15 for 5k Run and \$10 for Kids Run

Register at www.taylorsvilledayzz5k.com



THEN (1980) NOW (2017)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

--Thursday, June 22---

4-11 pm Carnival Bonus Night

(Special Family Night: 10 rides for \$10)

7:00 pm IMAGINE (Beatles Tribute) with the

Utah Symphony & Cannons

9:30 pm Movie-Beauty & the Beast (2017)

-Friday, June 23---

4-11 pm Carnival Rides

6:30 pm Taylorsville Orchestra

8:00 pm Rock the 80s with Lisa McClowry

Music of: Journey, Guns-N'-Roses, Heart, Cher

10:00 pm Fireworks!

---Saturday, June 24-----

Starting Lions Club Breakfast, 5K Fun Run, at 7am: Parade, All Day Entertainment.

Parade, All Day Entertainment, Food and Craft Booths, Car Show,

Carnival Rides, Camel & Pony Rides

7:30 pm Celine Dion & Neil Diamond Tribute

with Brigitte Valdez & Jay White

10:00 pm Fireworks Extravaganza!!!

www.taylorsvilledayzz.com Contact Jim Dunnigan @ 801-840-1800



Movie in the Park

Thursday 9:30 pm

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Hosted by Salt Lake Community College

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by Jay Ziolkowski

This article was adapted from the UFA web-site

Apartment and Mobile Home Safety Tips

There are unique hazards specific to living in apartments or mobile homes. However, there are also things that everyone can do to be better prepared and reduce the risk. First, be aware:

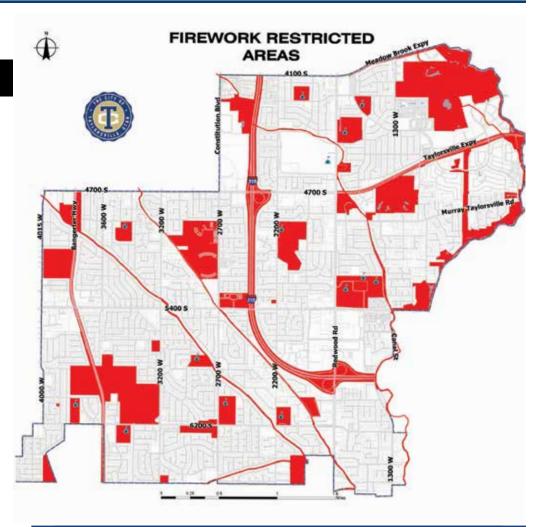
- Sometimes, there is only one way in or out of these complexes or dwelling.
- Stairways are sometimes built out of wood.
- Congested parking can mean blocked fire hydrants or blocked fire lanes.
- An apartment building is a very densely populated neighborhood meaning evacuations may take longer.
- · Without properly working smoke alarms, it may also take a long before knowing that another part of the complex

Tips for living safely in apartment buildings or mobile home communities:

- Make sure to have smoke alarms that work. New and existing apartments/mobile homes require smoke alarms in all sleeping areas and in the hallway outside sleeping areas.
- The apartment/mobile home complex is usually required to have a fire extinguisher within 75-feet travel distance. If extinguishers are not provided outside the apartment/mobile homes, then each dwelling should have one
- The Fire Code states that no person shall use fixed or portable barbecues in or under any attached covered natio, halcony, covered walkway, or roof overhand unless it has a an automatic fire sprinkler. When in use barbecues should be located on ground level and be a minimum of 10-feet from buildings, structures, covered walkways or roof overhangs.
- Do not park in front of fire hydrants and do not park in fire lanes. Respecting the fire restrictions may literally save a life. When friends visit, be sure to remind them to park only in appropriate parking areas.
- Never leave smoking materials burning. Never smoke in bed.
- · Have a fire escape plan. Practice it. Know at least two ways to get out of your occupancy, and pick a family meeting place outside the dwelling.
- Don't use elevators, as they may take you right into the fire.
- Make sure there's a number on your apartment/mobile home door. If there is not, contact management.
- · Keep a copy of your home number and apartment building number inside the apartment, near the phone. The information will then be handy for babysitters and it will be there if in times of concern when it may be difficult to
- Do not run extension cords under carpets or from unit-to-unit. They can easily overheat. Extension cords are for temporary use only. They are not to be used as a substitute for permanent wiring.
- Get acquainted with the elderly folks in your building or community. They may need assistance in an emergency.
- Finally, swimming pools can be a special hazard. Pools must be fenced, and the gates must close and latch on their own. When children use the pool, an adult must always be inside the gate, constantly watching the children.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact BC Jay Ziolkowski at 801-824-3670. Be safe.







Curbside Glass Recycling Program Coming to Taylorsville

This summer, a subscription-based curbside glass recycling service is available for Taylorsville residents. The start-up fee for the 32-gallon gray glass recycling bin is \$45, and service is \$8 per month. Service to your neighborhood will be dependent upon acquiring a minimum number of subscribers in your area. Please visit our website or come in to our office, for more information, and to sign up



Any items placed in the blue recycle carts, which can't be used by the recycling facility, are considered contamination. Depending upon the item, it could contaminate part or all of the items in your blue cart, or could potentially even contaminate all the items in the collection truck (such as liquids/oils/hazardous waste). We have seen an increase in plastic bags placed in the recycle carts. Please remember to not include any plastic bags or other stretch plastic materials. This includes not bagging your recyclables. Any recycled materials that are bagged are rejected by the recycling facility and sent to the landfill, which is more expensive to process.

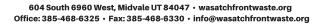


Green Waste Subscription Program

The Green Waste Collection Program is underway. This is a subscription-based program, and those interested in subscribing or getting more information can visit our website at www.wasatchfrontwaste.org. Taylorsville currently has 549 subscribers for our Green Waste Program. We ask residents to remember that green (yard) waste should NEVER be placed in the blue recycling cans. Placing green waste in the recycling cans contaminates the recycling load and makes the recyclable materials unusable.



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The City of Taylorsville was named a 2017 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. This recognition was achieved by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation.
"Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education.

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.



Are you a first-time homebuyer looking to purchase a home in Taylorsville? You may be eligible for up to \$5,000 in down payment assistance. The City of Taylorsville has partnered with the Community Development Corporation (CDC) to offer up to \$5,000 in down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers who are purchasing a home in Taylorsville. To qualify for the program, you must meet median income guidelines, have a maximum debt-toincome ratio of 45% or less, and contribute 1% of your own funds to the transaction. For more information on the program and to determine eligibility please contact CDC at 801-994-7222, www.cdcutah.org.



As a Salt Lake County resident you may qualify for free services to remove lead-based hazards from your home.

For more information and to determine eligibility please visit slco.org/lead-safe-housing.

Amateur Radio License Exam Sessions

The City of Taylorsville and UtahSAG are proud to host W5YI Amateur Radio license exam sessions. Anyone interested in testing to receive or upgrade their ham radio license is welcome to attend. The sessions will be held on the last monday of most months from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Taylorsville City Hall.

The scheduled testing sessions for 2017 are:

- June 26
- July 31
- August 28
- September 25
- October 30
- November 27



Register on-line at www.hamstudy.org

NOTE: This is NOT a course that will prepare you to take the license exams. Studying ahead of time is highly recommended. If you have any questions, contact Taylorsville Emergency Management at (801) 963-5400.



Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Remembrances

The Taylorsville Remembrance for this month was written by Eliza B. Mackay. She is the 2nd from left in the photo below.

These gals are a group of Relief Society ladies who are standing on the east side of the Old Assembly Hall on 4800 South. Circa 1947

These are the words of Eliza, "The day before the 24th of July was as busy as the actual 24th of July itself!"



Old Assembly Hall on 4800 South. Circa 1947
Left to Right: (1) Irene Hintze, (2) Eliza Mackay, (3) Edna Tye, (4) Alice Porter,
(5) Donetta Albrechtsen, (6) LaVell Mahoney, (7) Mary Simper, (8) Loretta Foote

They had a shelter on the East side of the Ward House, where they sold ice cream, and whatever else they could get. Some of the women were at the ward house, and the others were at cousin Lettie Wilkins making ice cream. They had small buckets inside of large buckets that we had to turn by hand. Some older person would come along and scrape the inside of the bucket of ice cream and stir it toward the center. When this bucket was frozen enough, they would put it into a large container, usually a barrel. This was packed in ice until time to use it. While I was helping, I heard someone say, "We have 30 gallons done now."

In Jake Hunters' pasture, they had a race track; they also had ball games. Bennion Ward Band came down and played. They had a beautiful bandwagon painted red. They also had colorful band suits on. They had a team of white horses. Effie Bennion said once her father had four horses on the wagon. He was Alfonzo Palmer, the band leader.

The band played for the dance at night. The band members were: Alfonzo Palmer, Archibald Frame Jr., James Frame, and Fred Rawlins. Adam S. Bennion played the piano, and Oak Poulson was the caller. These celebrations were held at the Granger Ward but included the whole valley.

The Taylorsville Leisure Activities, Recreation and Parks Committee (LARP) is seeking nominations for our Best of Taylorsville - Residential and Business Beautification Award



Winners will be chosen between May 2017 and October 2017. The award will be presented to a home and/or business that best demonstrates excellent care and beautification of property. Size and value of property will not be a factor in judging.

Winners will be recognized at a regular meeting of the Taylorsville City Council will receive a certificate & gift from Great Harvest Bread Co. Please include name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of nomination. Contact information of person making the nomination is optional.

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Warrior claims three Academic All-State awards

By Greg James | gregj@mycityjournals.com

 $Taylors ville \ senior \ Mari \ Hasebi \ capped \ off \ an \ incredible \\ senior \ year \ with \ an \ Academic \ All-State \ award \ and \ state \\ playoff \ appearance \ in \ basketball \ and \ track.$

"I loved playing sports at Taylorsville," Hasebi said. "The coaches are absolutely amazing and push us to work hard, but they also manage to throw in lots of fun so I loved that."

She was awarded her second and third Academic All-State awards of the year; one for 5A girls basketball and the other for track. She was given the same award last fall for girls soccer.

Hasebi is a four-year varsity soccer player and three-year varsity basketball player. She was named Honorable Mention All-Region in basketball and First-Team All-Region in soccer. She also was named to the Fox13 Utah Youth Soccer Association team in 2016.

The Warriors midfielder scored two goals this fall in the Warriors 2-9 season. She also played club soccer with USA Elite. Her club team won several local tournaments including the Park City Invitational, and it advanced to the ODF Region Championships and State Cup Finals.

"I was able to balance being a good student and good athlete by managing my time well," she said. "I think my schooling always comes first, because we are called student-athletes not athlete-students."

She maintained a cumulative 4.0 grade point average throughout her high school career. She is a member of the Taylorsville student senate.

Hasebi has signed a letter of intent to play college soccer at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho, after her graduation.

Idaho State finished last season 7-13. It plays in the Big Sky conference. The Bengals' head coach, Allison Gibson, called her recruiting class the most balanced she has had. They signed players from seven different states. Gibson called Hasebi a crafty midfielder.

As a member of the track team she posted a personal record 100-meter time of 14.23 at the Region 3 championships. She also placed 21st overall in the 200.

"Mari is a coach's dream from a basketball standpoint," Warriors head basketball coach Jodi Lee said. "I think she was one of the best defenders in the state. We would always put her on the other team's best player. She is relentless on defense. I think we finished second in the state in least points allowed per game, and she is a big reason why."



Senior Mari Hasebi was labeled by her basketball coach as the best defender on the team. She also maintained a 4.0 grade point average. (Jodi Lee/Taylorsville basketball)

As a member of the Warrior basketball team, she helped the squad advance to the state playoffs. She averaged nearly three points per game and two assists. The Warriors finished the season with a 14-8 overall record and lost in the first round of the state playoffs to Fremont 53-45.

"Students that take their academics seriously are an incredible blessing for a coach," Lee said. "Part of our job is to help our athletes stay academically eligible to compete. To have students like Mari that I did not have to keep tabs on is such a relief."

The Academic All-State award is given to high school seniors who are varsity team contributors and maintain the highest level of academic achievement. The Utah High School Activities Association considers the award its most prestigious.

"Our seniors played hard, and that helped trickle down to the other girls," Lee said. "Mari was certainly a part of making this season such a joy."

Hasebi was also given the most outstanding female athlete and most outstanding female student athlete by Taylorsville High School at the end of year awards banquet. It was the first time the two awards have been given to the same student.



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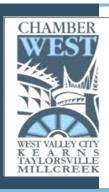
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Aimee Winder Newton County Council District 3

Funding for additional jail beds approved by Council

Salt Lake County's largest budget expenditure is the jail and over 60 percent of the General Fund is used for criminal justicerelated expenses. As an elected official in Salt Lake County, I believe keeping our public safe and our jail system operating effectively and efficiently is one of our most important duties.

In recent months we have seen a lot of conversation around the issue of capacity at the Salt Lake County Jail. Since the state-driven Justice Reinvestment Initiative, the County jail has been shouldering an additional burden in the form of additional inmates from the state prison. This effort is part of the broader plan to connect drug offenders with treatment and needed resources, rather than simply prison time. Little funding from the state has been available to put into this new approach until this year. Thanks to our state legislators, counties around the state will start to see some of the financial resources needed to implement this, and we hope it will be fully funded in the years to come.

When local police officers are not able to book offenders into the jail due to capacity limits, it makes their jobs incredibly difficult. Our Salt Lake County Adult Detention Center is at capacity. It would cost millions of dollars to make improvements to Oxbow Jail to open additional pods (and several million dollars more annually in ongoing operational costs). We are solidifying numbers now so we can develop a long-term solution.

I, along with my colleagues on the Salt Lake County Council, voted to allocate \$700,000 to relocate some jail occupants to other county jails that do have capacity. This will help give

us additional space to incarcerate those who need it, and by extension hopefully allow the jail to lift some of the booking constraints. I am grateful to the state legislature, which is partnering with us in this effort and is providing funding for this as well.

Sheriff Jim Winder has been an incredible leader on this issue, working tirelessly to find effective, pragmatic solutions. I'm grateful for his leadership.

While jail beds are important, they are one piece of the overall puzzle. More and more we are seeing that alternatives to incarceration for those with chronic mental health or substance abuse challenges offer a better path. Rather than simple incarceration in a jail or prison, people struggling with mental health or substance abuse challenges can more successfully get back on their feet and break out of a pattern of poor choices.

Our county Behavioral Health division has worked hard on exploring those alternatives as well, and I look forward to continued innovation and reform in our criminal justice system.

As this jail bed plan goes into effect, local law enforcement officers should see additional capacity at our jail, so they can adequately book individuals when needed. I know our officers on the streets bear the brunt of these challenges. and put in countless long hours giving their most devoted effort to make our cities safer.

I'm optimistic that we will continue to make progress in the months ahead, and look forward to the continued partnership between Salt Lake County, neighboring counties, and the state. +













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Reproductive Care Center

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Reproductive Care Center is the first private infertility clinic in Utah and has been in business for over 20 years. RCC meets all the most advanced requirements and guidelines for its labs and physicians, making them completely state-of-the-art.

Reproductive Care Center has five board-certified physicians who are members of the Society of Assisted Reproductive Technology (SART), as well as a nurse practitioner, all dedicated to helping couples grow their families.

All physicians, embryologists, lab technicians and nurses at RCC are members of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) and continually train and educate themselves to ensure that they are at the forefront of the reproductive technology advances.

Although assisted reproductive technology (ART) has been practiced for decades, the advancements have changed the way it's being done. Instead of simply trying to obtain conception with as many embryos as possible, competent specialists at RCC focus on helping a couple achieve a single healthy baby, which increases the chance of a successful pregnancy and minimizes the risk of pre-term births.

RCC physicians also conduct research and studies to stay ahead of the curve. Dr. Andrew K. Moore, an infertility specialist at the clinic, recently completed a major research study that showed a strong correlation between healthy habits combined

with couple's therapy and its improvement on natural conception.

With all the success that Reproductive Care Center has achieved, it hasn't always come easy.

Through continued research and scientific advancements, as well as the openness of many high-profile people, Reproductive Care Center is finally seeing the shift in the perception of infertility.

For a long time, infertility was a topic that was not discussed openly. Through continued research and scientific advancements, as well as the openness of many high-profile people, Reproductive Care Center is finally seeing the shift in the perception of infertility. Patients seek out a specialist much sooner than before because they know it is available and acceptable.

Another major challenge is that most insurance companies do not offer infertility treatment benefits. While they do often cover consultations and diagnostic treatment, they do not typically provide benefits for intrauterine insemination (IUI) or in vitro fertilization (IVF). Legislators are looking at how to improve coverage, but in the meantime, RCC has worked tirelessly to provide affordable treatment options to patients including income-based discounts, military discounts, financing for IVF, multiple IVF Cycle package discounts, and a 100% Money-Back Guarantee IVF Program for qualifying patients.

"We understand that so many of our patients, especially those that need IVF, are having to pay for it out of pocket," said Rachel Greene, the marketing coordinator at RCC. "It is a difficult hurdle to jump and we do as much as we can to accommodate."

Resolve.org, a national organization, has pushed the discussion of infertility to the national level with legislators and insurance companies. They initiated the National Infertility Awareness Week which was April 23-29. RCC participated by offering daily giveaways and providing a free seminar. RCC also sponsored a date night hosted by Utah Infertility Resource Center, a local counseling and support resource with whom RCC has chosen to partner.

RCC is focused on providing compassionate and quality care to their patients. Reproductive Care Center has affordable consultation prices and are ready to see new patients in all their locations, visit www.fertilitydr.com to learn more. +





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JOANI TAYLOR

How to Afford Your Bucket List Travel

Have you noticed all the bucket list articles lately? I don't know what it is, but all of a sudden, I've seen article after article about sky diving over Dubai, riding a camel in the Sahara Desert, or cycling though South African vineyards on a carbon negative tour.

I was wondering, if perhaps, I missed a sale on buckets at my local bucket store or maybe it was "national buy a bucket day" last week and everyone but me stocked up on buckets. And now to get some use of them, they are stuffing them up with dreams and lofty visions of travel grandeur.

Being a self-proclaimed master planner, this all should be well and good to me. Besides, who am I to tell folks how to use their buckets? But it seems to me that creating a fantasy travel dreamland could end up in a wide-awake letdown when you hit the road. So, in keeping in the spirit of adventurous travel, here are some ideas to keep your dream bucket a reality.

Understand your Travel Fund: Part of making travel a reality is to make a budget. Figure out your travel style. Are you a higher maintenance traveler that needs pricier hotels and to be entertained or does camping at a beach or hiking through the mountains meet your needs? No matter which kind of traveler you are and what your financial situation is, you'll want to make sure to allow extra money for spontaneity and little luxuries. A general rule for us has been to plan for the vacation to cost 15 to 25% more than we think.

Set up an automatic savings account: Have your bank put aside a small amount into a travel fund and use it ONLY for travel. It doesn't have to be much, because as it begins to grow you'll start to make plans for where you'll go. Now your travel vision is becoming a reality and this will encourage you to save even more in your day-to-day spending in effect tricking yourself into making it grow faster.

Utilize Long Weekends: There's a lot that can be accomplished in a 3 or 4-day weekend. No, I don't mean giving the dog a bath and cleaning out the garage. Hop in the car and go explore the gems close to home. I am always surprised how many people I've met who have not been to Capitol Reef, taken a ride on the Utah Valley Railroad train, or gone for a dip in the Crater. Yet these places are at the top of someone's bucket list in other parts of the world.

Keep your Expectations in Check: With all the resources we have at our fingertips it's easy to, over plan, set yourself up for failure, or just expect too much. I recently stumbled on a travel article for a roadside attraction I've been to on more than one occasion. I first discovered it while traveling between states and randomly stopped to stretch my legs and let the kids' blow off some steam. It's since become a traditional resting stop that we enjoy every time we pass through.

The article however, made this destination look AMAZING, like some kind of bucket list fairytale. It had stunning photos accompanied with an article of

interest. A quick search landed me on several similar accountings. In reality, this tiny attraction takes less than an hour to explore and by the articles standard would be a bit of a let- down. Had we gone with the expectations the media set we would have been disappointed. It's much better to adopt an attitude of discovery, this way you aren't disappointed.

Don't Over Plan: This is my personal stumbling block. I tend to research and attempt to plan every minute of my vacation. Thinking that it would set my mind at ease and we wouldn't miss a thing. With many failed attempts, I've finally learned that no matter how well planned I was I still going to miss something and having to be accountable for every activity in everyday just made the getaway stressful and me super annoying to my fellow travelers. While researching your destination is imperative, especially if there are tickets you'll need in advance, it's important to break from your normal self and let your adventurous side loose to let things roll.

Most of us will only be able to afford a very few dreamy bucket list travel destinations, but taking time off is crucial for our mental and physical wellbeing. Travel freely to affordable destinations and restrain yourself from dreaming of what a vacation should be. With the right attitude your affordable travel can become your bucket list checkmark.

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PERI KINDER



The Happiest Place on Earth

Hordes of families will go to Disneyland this summer because parents continue to be stupid. Touted as "The Happiest Place on Earth," its creators have obviously never been on the Tequila Tour in Cancun.

Parents announce "We're going to Disneyland!" and because kids have no sense of perspective they'll ask hundreds of times when you're leaving. You'll consider canceling the trip to avoid spending any more time with your adorable screeching goblins.

Whether you fly (unwise) or drive (equally unwise), the trip to California is never part of the fun. When we took our kids to Disneyland in a covered wagon, they didn't have iPads to entertain them. Instead, it was 10 hours of whining until my kids finally told me to shut up.

Once you find your motel (which is ten times as dumpy as it looked online) and gently scoot the homeless lady out of the doorway, your kids can run to the outdoor pool to contract cholera while you unpack the car.

The night before your first day in Disneyland, no one sleeps. Not because everyone's excited but because your 5-year-old is crying because she's afraid of clowns. Even though there are no clowns in the area. And you haven't discussed clowns. And you can't convince her she won't be chased by clowns. So you arrive at the Happiest Place on Earth with everyone scowling.

If you forked out extra money to eat breakfast with fairies (suckers), you'll discover everyone else in the universe has done the same thing. Your breakfast with fairies turns into breakfast with someone who might be a fairy but you're

Turning on your we're-going-to-have-fun-at-all-costs voice, you'll exclaim, "Who's ready for some rides?!" and wander into Disneyland (henceforth called the Park—like Madonna, Cher and God). Everyone wants to go in different directions which begins the first of several fistfights.

You must have a plan to tackle the Park. Hopefully, this eliminates the identical rides where you sit in a little car that takes you through a colorful re-enactment of classic Disney cartoons. (Keep saying "Wow!" until you're convinced everyone's having fun.)

Random Disney villains will walk through the Park to excite/terrify your child. Seeing Maleficient striding toward her, your 5-year-old will scream and hide behind a garbage can, crying until she passes by.

For meals, there are a variety of food options. But instead of purchasing food in the Park, take a flight home for meals. It will be cheaper.

At some point, a random clown will walk by, throwing your 5-year-old into

Just when you think you'll collapse if you see one more pirate or ride one more roller coaster, the evening events begin. You're exhausted, covered in all types of stickiness, and are carrying bags full of souvenirs while wearing mouse ears, but your kids don't care and dart away to watch light parades, water shows and other adventures that usually end in at least one visit to the Park's Magical First Aid Center. Repeat this entire experience for 3-7 days.

Leaving California, the drive (or flight) home is subdued as family members slump with Disney hangovers and your 5-year-old sniffles quietly in the Belle costume she's worn all week. Next year, you'll want to take a closer look at that Tequila Tour. +



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